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AND OPTICAL DISPERSION COMPENSATION METHOD

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **insert** the following before the first line of the specification:

--This application is divisional of application number 08/917,292, filed August 25, 1997, now pending, which is a continuation of application number 08/781,137, filed January 9, 1997, issued as U.S. patent number 5,696,614, and which is a continuation of application number 08/233,830, filed April 26, 1994.--